(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken/expected to be taken to post more psychiatrists in the hospitals to provide better care and by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government proposes to re-strategise the National Mental Health Programme in Eleventh Five Year Plan to cover the areas of suicide prevention, stress management, school mental health etc. and also to create infrastructure for production of quality manpower/training of personnel etc. for effective deliver of mental health services.

(c) The shortage of psychiatrists and mental health professional is being addressed in the re-strategised National Mental Health Programme for the Eleventh Five Year Plan by having short-term training for general health care personnel. Also more teaching institutes on the pattern of NIMHANS are being planned at regional level so that adequate number of psychiatrists are available.

Implementation of NACP-III

3479. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the National AIDS Control Programme (NACP)-III being implemented for halting the spread of HIV/AIDS in the country;

(b) the role envisaged for the elected representatives in the NACP-III; and

(c) the role of other local bodies in the NACP-III?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) The National AIDS Control Programme (NACP)-III has been formulated to halt the spread of HIV by up-scaling targeted interventions among the high risk groups, behaviour change communication for improved awareness, expanding preventive care, blood safety, support and treatment of HIV infected persons including the treatment of opportunistic infections, provision of anti-retroviral drugs and maintaining of HIV intervention strategies.

(b) and (c) The role of the elected representatives is to provide leadership in strengthening HIV/AIDS prevention and control programme and create enabling environment free from stigma and discrimination against people living with HIV and AIDS. Like-wise local bodies are also expected to ensure that persons living with HIV/AIDS get access to services, are not stigmatized or discriminated against and help them to cope with their situation by providing a supportive environment.

Complaints against MCI for granting recognition to private medical colleges

3480. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints received against the decision of the Medical Council of India regarding grant of recognition to private medical colleges, particularly in respect of the grant of recognition on the basis of false representations about the staff strength, building and equipments in these colleges;